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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

shifting and selection of a gear ratio, the gearbox having a gearbox operating element which is arranged to set the gear ratio and can be activated by means of an operating actor, the operating actor having a drive with a drive output element which, in response to a swivel movement of the drive output element, carries out a movement to engage a gear ratio or select a shift slot and at the same time acts upon a force accumulator which activates an intermediate element to operate the gearbox operating element for selection or shifting, the activation of the intermediate element being limited to a predetermined position by means of at least one retaining retaining element.

characterized in that wherein the gearbox operating element is a central shifting shaft, by means of which on axial displacement of the shifting shaft, engagement of a gear ratio and, on rotation of the gear shifting shaft, selection of a shift slot can be carried out.

(currently amended) The gearbox Gearbox according to claim 1-or 2,

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- 2 characterized in that wherein the gearbox operating element is a central shifting
- 3 shaft by means of which, on rotation of the shifting shaft, shifting into a gear ratio
- and, on axial displacement, selection of a shift slot can be carried out. 4

8. (currently amended) The gearbox Gearbox according to claim of the preceding claims, comprising characterized by the provision of a form-locking connection between the drive output element and the gearbox operating element effective in one of the axial direction or in and the circumferential direction of a rotary movement.

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6. (currently amended) The gearbox Gearbox according to claim 2 of the preceding claims, comprising a selector element characterized by the provision between the intermediate element and the gearbox operating element of a, wherein the selector element which can be acted upon by a force furnished by the intermediate element, and further comprising a form-locking connection by the provision between the selector element and the gearbox operating element of a wherein the form-locking connection acts in one of the axial direction or in and the circumferential direction of a rotary movement.

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. (currently amended) The gearbox Gearbox according to claim 6 characterized in that wherein the gearbox operating element can be moved activated, e.g., rotated, by means of the intermediate element against the force

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4 furnished by an energy storing device.

characterized in that wherein the energy storing device is linked to the selector

element at one force application point and is fixedly linked to the housing at another

force application point.

1 The gearbox Gearbox according to claim 1 or

2 characterized in that wherein the at least one retaining element comprises a bolt

which can be displaced and fixed by means one of a magnet or and an electric

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1 (currently amended) The gearbox Gearbox according to claim

characterized in that wherein the bolt limits or blocks rotation of the intermediate

element in at least one of its selectable positions.